

No. 7180 號十八百壹千七第 日十初月壹十年辰庚緒光 HONGKONG, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11th, 1880. 六拜禮 號壹十月二十年英 港香 PRICE \$2½ PER MONTH

INTIMATIONS.

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THEATRE ROYAL.

CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

SIGNOR CAGLI'S
NEW AND MUCH AUGMENTED
ITALIAN OPERA-COMPANY.

THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING.
December 11th, 1880.
SECOND SUBSCRIPTION NIGHT.
"N O R M A."
MONDAY, DECEMBER 13th, 1880.
Extra Night
GRAND BENEFIT
Of Signor MELIORATO VELA, Maestro and
Director, and Signora MILANI-VELA,
"LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR."

TICKETS OF ADMISSION.

Family Boxes and Boxes	\$7
Dress Circle	\$3
Stalls	\$2

Black passage
Departure at 3.30 P.M., to commence at 5 P.M.
Seats must be secured and Tickets obtained at
Kemp and Wards
Hongkong, 21st December, 1880. [1878
STEAM TO SHANGHAI.
THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship
"MIRZAPOL" will leave for the above place at FOUR P.M. TO-
DAY, the 14th instant.
A. McLEVED,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 10th December, 1880.
FOR MANILA, VIA AMOY.
THE Spanish Steamer
"EMUY,"
Blanco, Master, will be despatched as above on
WEDNESDAY NEXT, the 15th instant, at
Four o'clock.
For Freight or Passage, apply in
REMEDIOS & Co.
Hongkong, 11th December, 1880. [1894

FOR PORT DARWIN, GREECE,
ISLE OF COE, COLOMBO, SINGAPORE,
BRISBANE, SYDNEY, AND
MELBOURNE.
THE Eastern and Australian Steamship
Company's Steamers
"ME. MUR"
will be despatched as above on SATUR-
DAY, the 18th instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
THE GIBBS, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Hongkong, 10th December, 18-90. (1892)

AGENT WANTED.—An important Firm
of Manufacturers desires to appoint com-
missioners to sell their goods for the sale
of WHITE and FANCY EMBROIDERED FINE
BRETHERS, BEADS, TRIMMINGS, and all Articles
connected herewith, as well as Table Covers,
Linen, &c. &c. These Goods are of the first
quality, being well connected with the Articles and the
Trade should apply to J. K. 18724, care of
HUTCHINGS & MOSELY'S Advertising Agency, LONDON.
The Goods are made and sold in Germany, France,
Austria, Prussia, or Spanish. (1905)

HAMBURG SHIPPING OFFICE
in Specimens for

WATCHMAKERS, JEWELLERS, and ENGRAVERS.
 We maintain Stock in all kinds of Fine, Watch Repairing, and Machinery.
 Goods of important quality and orders promptly at-
 tended to. Lowest Prices for Cash.
 Price Lists free and sent, paid on application.
 References to the original place of the
 World.

FRIEDRICH SPANN, Hamburg,
 -Gottshalkstrasse, 1850.

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PURSUANT to an Order of the High Court
 of Justice, Chancery Division, I have
 made in an Action in the Matter of the Estate
 of CLEMENT FOSBER PILGRIM, Deceased,
 of the said High Court, a List of the following
 THOMAS HAYWARD RIDD, Clerk in Holy Orders,
 Deceased, KIDPO and OTHERS, against BLAKE
 and OTHERS (1880 P. No. 1021) the Conditions of
 the said Order, and the said List of the following
 in the Empery of Cyprus, and of the City of Nor-
 wich, England, Clerk in Holy Orders, who died
 on or about the month of July, 1879, are, on the
 said Order, and the said List of the following, to
 stand by post, prepaid to Mr. F. EMMET BLAKE,
 a Member of the Firm BLAKE, KEITH, and

CHLAINS, the Chanties in the City or Norwich, England, to London, and to the Colonies, the BELLES, and Serenades, Addresses, and Descriptions, the full Particulars of their Claims, of the Statutes, and Accounts, and the Names of their Benefactors (if any) held by them, or in their Possession, they will be patiently excluded from the benefit of the Society in to produce the same before the Master of the Rolls at his Chambers situated in Rolls Yard, Chancery Lane, Middlesex, England, on SATURDAY, the 15th of JANUARY, 1832, at 10 o'clock, the Clerk in the Presence, being the time for adjourning on the Claims.

Dated this first day of November, 1830.
ELKANAH and ABELSHINE
4, Burgin's Inn, Fleet Street,
Agents for ELKAN, KEITH, and BLAKE,
of the Chantry, Norwich,
Benefactors' Sale.

1109 FRENCH COCHIN-CHINA.

PUBLIC SALE OF THE SPIRIT, RICE, AND OPIUM FARMAS.
FROM THE 1ST JANUARY, 1832, TO THE 31ST DECEMBER,

On the 27th JANUARY, 1884, at FIVE P. M.,
SIGNED THE MINISTERS OF THE SUPPLY, MINES,
AND OPIUM FARMS, for a period of three
years, commencing January, 1882, and ending
31st December, 1884, by and upon and decided
on in the Ordination and Education Hall of the
Province of the Interior, Saigon.

Particulars of the Farms are lying at Saigon
Direction of the Ministry, at Cholon (Marine);
at the OPIUM FARMS, at the Departments
of the Colony (Bureau of the Administrator); at
Phnum-pun (Bureau of the Representative of
the French Government); at the French
Consulate at Bangkok, at Batavia, Singapore,
Hongkong, and Shanghai.

COCHINCHINE FRANÇAISE.

A JUDICATION PUBLIQUE.

TERME 3

DES ALCOOLS DE RIZ ET DE L'OPIMUM DU 1^{ER}
JANVIER, 1886, AU 31 DECEMBRE, 1884.

Le vingt Janvier mil huit cent quatre-vingt-
un (20 Janvier, 1881), à huit heures du matin, il

Le conseil d'administration, relatif à ces formages, est, depuis à Saigon, Direction de l'Intervention, Cholon (Maître); au chef-lieu de chacun des arrondissements de la colonie (bureau de l'Administration); à Phnom-penh (bureau de l'Administration); à Hanoi (bureau de l'Administration); à Haiphong (bureau de l'Administration); à Hongkong (bureau de l'Administration); à Bangkok, de Batavia, de Singapore, de Hongkong, et de Shanghai, 1963

DENTAL NOTICE

DR. L. ROGERS has returned, and is now ready to receive patients of his old friends, the first-floor of the premises lately occupied by the National Bank of India.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1890.

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NOTICE.

THE CHRONICLE AND DIRECTORY FOR CHINA, JAPAN, &c.

For 1881.

(Which has been incorporated "THE CHINA DIRECTORY.")

This Work is now being prepared for publication. Additions and improvements are being made to render it more valuable as a Commercial Guide.

Those Firms who have not yet returned the Printed Forms which have been sent to them to fill up would oblige by doing so as EARLY as POSSIBLE.

The Publishers would be glad to hear from, or those to whom Printed Forms have not been forwarded, would send in their Names and Addresses.

Terms for ADVERTISEMENTS may be learned on application at the Office.

Daily Press Office, November 30th, 1880.

NOTICE.

A. S. WATSON AND CO., FAMILY AND DISPENSING, CHEMISTS.

By Appointment to His Excellency the Governor and his Royal Highness the DUKE OF EDINBURGH.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS, FRUITS, PATENT MEDICINE VENDORS, DRUGGISTS' DISPENSING.

And, ASSORTED WATER MAKERS, BOTTLED MEDICINE CHESTS RE-FITTED, PATENT MEDICINE CHESTS RE-FITTED.

Passenger Ships Supplied.

NOTICE.—To avoid delay in the execution of Orders it is particularly requested that all business communications be addressed to the Firm, A. S. WATSON AND CO., HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS. Communications on Editorial matters should be addressed to "The Editor," and those on business to "The Manager," and not to individuals by name.

All letters for publication should be written on one side of the paper only.

Correspondents are requested to forward their names and addresses with communications addressed to the Editor, not for publication, but as evidence of good faith.

Advertisements which are not ordered for a fixed period will be continued until countermanded.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 11th, 1880.

Mr. H. N. Lay's letter to *The Times* in which he so effectively disposed of the mercenary allegation of the Anti-Opium Society that England had compelled the Chinese Government to legalize the importation of opium into China, has, as we expected, given rise to some correspondence on the subject.

Mr. LAURENCE OLIPHANT first appeared on the scene with a patronising confirmation of Mr. Lay's statements, which was hardly required, as the latter gentleman is too well-known to need it. The Secretary of the Anglo-Oriental Society next rushed into print to defend the position of the body he represents, and made a quotation from a letter of Mr. REED, the then United States Minister to China, to Lord ELGIN to prove that Chinese officials offered to mention the subject of opium to him should he be involved in fresh trouble. He, however, somewhat disingenuously, only quoted that part of the paragraph which suited his purpose. Mr. Lay followed him up by giving the whole of it and showing that taken with the context, the sentence quoted by Mr. TURNER bears a different construction from that sought to be put upon it by that gentleman. Mr. REED added to the remarks quoted by Mr. TURNER: "Be the reason what it may, I was unable to gain for the subject (the opium traffic) any consideration; and my deliberate opinion was, and is, that the trade must go on as it is with all the mischief and disgrace, unless your Excellency will undertake to adjust and regulate it." Mr. Lay proceeds to show, by quoting Lord ELGIN's reply to the American Minister, that the Chinese offered no opposition to the legalization of the import of the drug. "So far from manifesting invincible repugnance to the legalization of opium," wrote Lord ELGIN, "all they sought was to obtain as high a duty as was safe, and was acquiescent in the rate which they themselves proposed." The accuracy of this statement has been most amply demonstrated by subsequent events. The Chinese Government have no desire now to prohibit the import of the drug, but they are anxious to have the right to tax it to the utmost extent possible without checking the demand, their object being to increase the revenue derivable from it. Dr. LAURENCE OLIPHANT joins in the discussion, following the same line as Mr. TURNER, and practically repeating that gentleman's threadbare arguments and alleging that the Chinese were coerced. Mr. Lay emphatically denies this, and shows that the Chinese Imperial Commissioners never once mentioned opium in the discussions that took place, and during the three years he was charged with the superintendence of the Customs collection they never addressed any inquiries to him on the subject, though they could have done so without fear of consequences. In his latest letter on the subject, addressed to the *London and China Express* of November 5th, received yesterday, Mr. Lay refers to Dr. LAURENCE OLIPHANT's sentence from the foregoing passage, and conceives himself liberty thus to interpret it: "If the Chinese Commissioners had been entirely silent on opium at Tientsin, it was, as the Minister of the United States wrote to Lord ELGIN, from their fear even to talk on a subject which they thought had once involved them in war, and which might, so they reasoned, give them trouble again; the express words being that in order to explain the Chinese indifference, to Mr. REED inexplicable, some one had suggested for as the possible cause, and the reasoning being not that of the Chi-

nese at all, but proceeding from the author of the suggestion, based on his own assumption. Here we have, along with a novel method of dealing with evidence, a sample of that on which Dr. LAURENCE OLIPHANT and the Society for the Suppression of Opium rest their unsupported assertions, while claiming the credit of 'long and dispassionate consideration,' after 'information sought in the Blue-books and elsewhere.' In Mr. Lay's letters we have such a complete demolition of the rotten fabric of slander upon which the Government and country laboriously erected by the Anti-Opium Society that it is to be hoped they will in future have the sense and the decency to at least abandon one plank of their programme and cease to assert that the legalization of the opium trade was extorted from China.

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Mr. E. DeLaur Morgan has just returned from his journey to Canton, and has been in the place which is just what he made in interest, and during his stay there he made an excursion up the valley of the River Kiu, the northern branch of the Ho River. He also paid a visit to a lake in the region north of Kailu.

Captain Henry Eden, R.N., died at Tientsin last week. The deceased officer took part in the Egyptian expedition under Colonel Glynne. He was afterwards first lieutenant of the 22nd, and then of the 24th, regiments of the British Army, and in command of his regiment during the Boer war and the capture of the forts and batteries at Wessing.

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THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. and O. Co.'s steamer *Mitani*, Captain Parish, which arrived here yesterday, made a very quick passage from Singapore considering the weather. She arrived at least a day before she was expected, and her mail was forwarded to the P. and O. office at Hongkong, and only two days after the French mail. This is a smart work and reflects credit alike on the Company and the steamer.

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POST-OFFICE NOTICES.

The authorized List of Mails issued in connection with this paper is the one published twice each day in our Extra, which is always corrected to a much later hour than this given below.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE

For Amoy—Per *Electric*, to-day, the 11th inst., at 11:30 A.M.

For Manila—Per *John Bull*, to-day, the 11th inst., at 5:30 P.M.

For Hongkong—Per *Dunlop*, on Monday, the 13th inst., at 4:30 P.M.

For Japan, via Nagasaki—Per *Sunda*, on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at 5 P.M.

For Straits Settlements and Calcutta—Per *Morley* and *Jagan*, on Thursday, the 16th inst., at 2:30 P.M.

This Exchanges the Governor is pleased to order under Section XII of the Post Office Ordinance, 1876, that the Late Fee charged on Correspondence posted after certain hours for Europe, America, the Australian Colonies, Shanghai, &c., shall be 19 Cents, instead of 18 as hitherto.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES.

The United States Mail Packet "GALICIA" will be despatched on MONDAY, the 13th inst., for the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar, which will be closed as follows:—

2:15 P.M. Registry Office.

2:30 P.M. Post Office closes, but Letters for Union Companies may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 10 Cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies or Paraguay cannot be sent by this mail.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.

The British Packet "ANCONA" will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 15th inst., with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Naples, to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar. N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the Australian Colonies.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Packet "AMAZON" will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 15th inst., with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Naples, to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

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ANOTHER VERSION

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A COUNTRY VISITATION

laymen tolerably familiar with a large district will frequently neither know nor many of them unless he attends visitations. This he can well do in the capacity of churchwarden. As Dickens used to talk of the variety of which the rural clergy are notations of the rural clergy are notations of such gatherings for the warrelike collar and ties which they wear. A tailor eviscerates such unsubstantiated, pot out their exact chronological sequence from casual inspection of the throng which grows the narrow streets of the little county to on his way to the church. One very old appears in a huge starched collar which elongates his neck (and his face) to the top of his head. He is a Brummel and a great-great gentleman in Europe. Another apparently wound a long-used table-cloth round his neck. Then comes one who on the most of such an erection has superadded a monstrous pair of collars, of the kind of irreverently known as "sideboards." The neighbour wears stiff stand-up collars, shynical at Oxford before the turn-down Etonian collars came into vogue. The clergy are froaks of fashion are so bringing him into the front rank as wear the "correct thing." The younger men indulge in the comfortable loose-fitting turn-down collar, which always carries a suspicion of Broad Church with it. It is easy to students from the various theological colleges. The blameless stock, innocent of collar, at once proclaims them. They are as soon wear thick (and the young men) of the collar; for they do not identify them with Etonian Hall; just as expiated preaching gown not so long was redolent of Geneva. This exhibition of ecclesiastical stocks and collars at a visitation is most amusing to one who possesses any sense of the ludicrous. The flamboyant vestry and Agon's wardrobe have indeed been unsexed. But what shall be the occasion? It is not without regret that we notice instances of young men appearing without them, and justifying it by saying that they were at such and a private hall or theological college, they never possessed gown. But taking a cursory view of the older men, gowns again exhibit the age of the wearer as well as that of his gown to be correctly assessed. This evidently the oldest incumbent and of many a visitations day. Next we should be disposed to place this habitué man whose gown is appropriately purified at the sleeves and covered with wax. No degree at any university of which we be cognizance ever prescribed such a vestment. It probably comes from the sister isle, or be an LL.D. gown. A malicious young fellow whispers that it belongs to a poor old man, described as a "pious old fellow." Disused preaching gown of all eccentric shapes are common among the clergy. Most of them were presentational gowns forty years ago. The plain men gowns of Oxford and Cambridge preponderate, however, in various stages of blackness. It is noticeable that, true to old university etiquette, no wearer of an Oxford Gown will put on gloves to attend a visitation. The old-fashioned has replaced the correct equestrian cap. To a country parson himself a visitation must always be a function. Year by year well-known faces missed. His own becomes yearly more familiar with care; and the contrast of hopes, love-lays, and burning purposes will have long lost their force in his heart as he is great as he sees an ecclesiastical young clergy clergy which can amuse with highest of all.

Stacy W. Mowatt.

QUEER STORIES

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Gradually, however, public opinion became

was that the *Jaccante* had gone out from London a port of the Pacific Ocean, and must have traversed the coast, caught in one of those storms which are common to those latitudes.

Week after week passed by and still no news came in of the *Bacante*. Every available ship was sent out to scour the seas in search of her, and an immense reward was offered for any trace of the missing vessel. The whole world was talking, writing, voting, or printing something about the fate of the ship, and the fearful mistake that had been made in sending the two best ships of England out together in the same vessel. The Prince and Princess of Wales aided under the terrible sorrow, which had befallen them, and the most grievous bullekins were published every-day by the Court physicians. The Queen seemed to have grown ill. In a few weeks, and Sir William Jackson, the late Lord Osborne since he had retired, went out in the *Indra*, the faithful mistle that had been killed of her. Meantime, it was noticed that their Broccheries the Ambassadors of all the despotic Powers were constantly in correspondence with his Serene Highness the haughty hereditary Grand Duke of Schwartzstein-Schinkensberg, who had thus strangely become heir-presumptive to the Throne of those realms; and the Right Honourable Synchapt Thaddeus, who had long been a member of the House of Commons, to propose that the Grand Duke should be appointed Regent in case of a sudden demise of the Crown, and until his illustrious Consort was of an age personally to assume the reins of Government.

"Took!" answered his Right Honourable rival, the Premier in office. "We can pass a short Bill, making her of age; and we can pass a bill, giving her the right to appoint her own personal physician, when she has had no recourse to any adversary, he said. "Ladies have no age."

At last, upon a doleful winter's day, a deep gloom fell over London. No bulletins had appeared that morning either from Marlborough House or from Osborne, but in their stead all the papers came out with triple black borders, and one prolonged wail was heard from one end of the British Islands to the other.

On noon on the same day also the Herald had called forth in the towers and had proclaimed with trumpet and shout the new reign of King Etzel-Mairand, and Queen Louise, taking their precedent as ordered from the time of William and Mary.

On the following day the British Constitution was abolished and all the great cities of the Empire were placed in a state of siege. Mr. Gladstone, Sir W. Harcourt, and Mr. Chamberlain were confined to their mansions. The Emperor, Zerk, said the friendly words to my friend, at this crisis. "It is a little late, and you be likelier about most horridly yet sleep, so I make so bold as to waken you a bit, Zur."

Thrice wakened Flynnan! He had driven me out to a headland on the coast, where a picnic had been arranged, to see the last of the *Bacante*, when she went on her grave voyage. Perhaps, she had been on her grave voyage, and gambo, perhaps, she had fallen asleep under a spreading oak-tree, and there was Phyllis Wyche, with whom I had such a delightful flirtation, laughing at me behind her chaperon, who, in maternal countenance also was an aspect of dourne humour.—*Truth.*

"CALL THIS SOUP?"

Prince Peter of Oldenburg has recently been somewhat capricious in his behaviour towards the Imperial Russian Court. He is a Prince for Girls, and is very diligent in performing his duties. He lately decided to see for himself whether there were any grounds for the numerous complaints of the poor folk who fished at the Smolting Convent, where the girls are educated. Proceeding to the situation just before the daily dinner hour, he avoided the main entrance and sought straight towards the kitchen. At the door he met two soldiers carrying a huge steaming tureen. "Hallo!" he called out, "that's a little rude." The soldiers, of course, obeyed. "Bring me a spoon," added the Prince. The spoon was at once produced, but one of the soldiers ventured to begin stammering remonstrance. "Hold your tongue," cried the Prince. "Take off! I insist on tasting it." No further objection was raised, and his Highness tasted the soup. "What a delicious morsel!" he exclaimed. "Why, is it dirty water?" "It is, your Highness," replied the soldier. "I have just been cleaning out the laundry."

"GREAT STORM IN THE SUN."

Observers of the sun found indications of intense commotion on the 11th, 12th, and 13th of August. The aurora borealis was seen on large scale, and protuberances of the blue-coloured tongues with increased force and velocity from the surface. The earth made instantaneous response to solar storm. A magnetic disturbance suddenly commenced, accompanied by an usual exhibition of earth currents continued and strong. It is years since the Greenwich observatory has recorded magnetic disturbances of equal magnitude, and it is due to a similar cause. The observations of the aurora borealis, the phenomenon in laying marine cables, that earth currents may become frequent as compared with the years of recent years. A superb exhibition of aurora accompanied the magnetic disturbance. An observer at the Stonelyhurst Observatory describes it as recalling the magnificent displays of 1859, '79 and '71, while the play the magnets was one of the most powerful ever recorded, and the aurora borealis was a rare display was extensively observed in England and Scotland. One observer describes it as an outburst of streamers, appearing like wavy, swaying curtains from the zenith to the near horizon, with the level green tints near the zenith. Another writes that the streaks extended from horizon to zenith, the colour being principally pale blue with a reddish green. Another paints the display as a brilliant band of white light, lowered to the horizon, each streamer indistinguishable before the succeeding one became very bright. Still another records a glow of celestial picture of the northern horizon, skirted by a bright white haze, terminating in an ill-defined arch, from which sprang a large number of broad streamers, stretching towards the zenith.

The same phenomenon was seen by an observer at Alderney, who did not associate it with the solar storm, but with the aurora borealis as it is by European observers. It is evident, however, that speech of grand storms and northern storms has returned, and that our northern skies months to come will probably be lighted with auroral flames. More earnestly than ever arises the question of the cause of the solar spot cycle and its intimate connection with electric and magnetic phenomena. No one doubts that the commotion in the solar atmosphere, and the strength of the sympathetic chord by which each planet in the system reflects in auroral light and disturbed magnetism the apoplectic condition of the sun's central orb.—*Providence Journal.*

HONGKONG MARKETS

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SHIPPING IN THE CHINA WATERS

VESSELS.	DATE OF ARRIVAL.	CAPTAIN.	FLAG AND REG.	TONS.	CONSIGNEES.	DESTINATION.	VESSEL.	DATE OF ARRIVAL.	CAPTAIN.	FLAG AND REG.	TONS.	CONSIGNEES.
HONGKONG.							YOKOHAMA.					
STEAMERS.												
America	Dec. 7	Williams	Brit. str.	948	Birley & Co		Helma	Oct. 27	Ewalt	Ger. sch.	60	Captain
Dec. 7	Bradley	Brit. str.	902	Lundblad & Co		Leitia		Hiltz	Ger. sch.	36	Emilio & Co	
Cleveland	Dec. 10	Harvey	Brit. str.	796	Jardine, Matheson & Co		St. Demost		Walker	Brit. sh.	570	Walls, Hall & Co
Daube	Dec. 4	Clanely	Brit. str.	561	Yuen Fat Hong	Bangkok.	Mary C. Bohr	Oct. 24	Peterson	Ger. sch.	55	P. Bohm
Electra	Dec. 6	Behmo	Ger. str.	1165	G. Menzies & Co		Otago		Isaacsen	Rus. sch.	46	J. Cook
Gaelic	Dec. 7	Kidley	Brit. str.	1713	O. A. O. S. S. Co		Pionier	Oct. 17	Malas	Rus. sch.	72	Walsh, Hall & Co
Hwai-yuen	Dec. 3	O. Wilson	Brit. str.	834	C. M. & N. Co	S. Francisco	Scottish Fairy	Oct. 10	Touces	Brit. sh.	76	Maclein & Co
Kiang	Dec. 5	J. Ogston	Brit. str.	700	Rutherford & Swire		Witchhouse		Werner	Amer. sh.	331	Captain
Japan	Dec. 5	Gardner	Brit. str.	1865	D. Sassoon, Sons & Co	Canton	Stella					
Jorge Juan	Dec. 4	A. Garro	Spain. str.	493	Remedios & Co	Calcutta						MANILA.
Kang-chi	Dec. 7	Crowley	Chil. str.	689	O. M. & N. Co		Casimere	Nov. 13				IN PORT ON SAT. DECEMBER, 1880.
Kin-Kiang	Dec. 5	T. Bonning	Brit. str.	1021	H. C. & Steamboat Co	Canton	C. E. Henry	Dec. 2				
Laforepe	Dec. 10	Parish	Brit. str.	2270	P. O. S. N. Co	Shanghai	D. Tolosa	Oct. 28				
Mary	Dec. 5	Butcher	Brit. str.	1436	Jardine, Matheson & Co	Calcutta	Eliso	Nov. 29				
Namoa	Dec. 2	Westoby	Brit. str.	864	D. Laiprak & Co	East Coast	F. de Maria	Nov. 22				
Naples	Nov. 6	White	Brit. str.	1473	Jardine, Matheson & Co		Francis	Nov. 11				
Nigella Maru	Dec. 6	Vigdor	Jap. str.	1059	H. B. M. S. S. Co	Yokohama	Hess	Nov. 15				
Nordstjernen	Nov. 3	Jensen	Den. str.	763	Captain		H. W. Dudley	Nov. 15				
Pearl	Nov. 3	Smith	Brit. str.	765	Chinese		Manuel	Oct. 6				
Penedo	Nov. 8	Cain	Brit. str.	932	Gee, R. Storrens & Co		Morcor	Nov. 19				
Powoa	Dec. 5	A. G. Carey	Brit. str.	581	H. C. & Steamboat Co	Canton	Paradiso	Sept. 24				
Romulus	Dec. 2	Tramoye	Spain. str.	581	Romados & Co							
Sai Gon	Dec. 24	Haydon	Amer. str.	450	U. Traders' Insurance Co	Macao						
Sel	Dec. 2	McGowan	Brit. str.	250	K'wok Achung & Sons							BANGKOK.

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Abderdonian	Dec. 2	Lowell	Eric. sh	430	Captain	Chambers	Oct. 11	Chabney	Frans. bk	30	Captain
Ames Hall	Sep. 21	Love	Eric. sh	853	Carlowitz & Co	Dana & Forster	Oct. 22	Chabney	Frans. bk	30	Captain
Andis S. Hall	Nov. 10	Nelson	Amr. sh	455	Wheeler & Co	Dorrita	Oct. 9		Siam. bk	300	Chinese
Augusta	Oct. 10	Thomson	Eric. sh	210	Meyer & Co	Falcon	Sep. 16	Berenth	Siam. bk	305	Chinese
Banefield	Dec. 3	Jensen	Ger. sh	247	Wiel & Co	Foodook	Nov. 15	Hochreuter	Siam. bk	325	Chinese
B. of Oregon	Oct. 31	Merriman	Amr. sh	1127	Vogel & Co	Glori	Sep. 12	Brabin	Siam. bk	490	Chinese
Cabafahiti	Nov. 15	McKenzie	Eric. sh	333	Wagner & Co	Golish	Sep. 32	Dunbar	Siam. bk	242	Chinese
Campbell	Dec. 9	De B. B.	Eric. sh	327	Jardina, Matheson & Co	Kim H. Tye	Oct. 3	Reynolds	Siam. bk	216	Chinese
Catharine	Nov. 14	Balling	Ger. sh	281	Vogel & Co	Mercury	Aug. 3	Midendorf	Siam. bk	150	Chinese
Cadet	Nov. 15	Brown	Amr. sh	442	Russell & Co	Meteor	Nov. 14	Peterzen	Siam. bk	840	Chinese
Cantuar	Nov. 30	Offerson	Amr. sh	408	Wiel & Co	Norsemann	Sep. 30	Eneolsten	Siam. sh	715	Chinese
Channel Queen	Nov. 29	Lachour	Eric. sh	618	De Schellhaus & Co	Prosperity	Nov. 1	Hoff	Siam. bk	426	Poh Seng
Chinlayo	Nov. 23	De Balle	Eric. sh	510	De Schellhaus & Co	S. Crown	Nov. 8	Stannings	Siam. sh	840	Chinese
Chinglight	Nov. 24	Bakke	Eric. sh	804	Captain	Telegraph	Oct. 8	Gomard	Siam. bk	240	Poh Hae
Cingrale	Nov. 9	Pringle	Bris. bk	338	Chinese	Vega	Oct. 27	De Campos	Siam. bk	327	Poh Kian
Cirinale	Nov. 15	Nissan	Ger. sh	379	Vogel & Co	Vesuvius	Sep. 17	Leopold	Ger. sh	1115	P. T. & Co
									Ger. sh	300	M. J. & Co

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HER BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S SHIPS IN THE CHINA SQUA

					NAME.	RIG.	TONS	H.P.	CAPTAIN.
Fortuna	Dec. 3	Soderstrom	Siam, bk	418	Chinese				
Golden Russet	Nov. 13	Richardson	Brit. bk	405	Simsen & Co				Com. Brerinton
G. & Marie	Oct. 30	Bahleil	Ger. bk	384	Wibler & Co				Captain J. W. East
H. N. Range	Nov. 4	Bange	Amer. sh	560	Cheng Wen				Captain H. F. Cleveland
Picket	Nov. 21	Ploetz	Ger. sch	833	Simsen & Co				Captain W. A. Wendon
Importer	Nov. 4	Sherrburne	Amer. sh	1270	Captain				Captain W. E. Manning
J. J. Stiahouse	Oct. 30	Gillbury	Brit. bk	407	Rosell & Co				Captain R. C. Johnston
Lady Douglas	Dec. 9	Stephens	Brit. bk	594	Jardine, Matheson & Co				Capt. Lee & Henderson
Maria Alfred	Dec. 9	Bryden	Brit. bk	398	Ernst & Co				Lieut.-Com. Hicky
Nianto Carr	Dec. 10	Clark	Brit. bk	538	De Schellhaas & Co				Capt. A. F. St. Clair
Naradoo	Dec. 10	F. Paul	Brit. bk	379	Jardine, Matheson & Co				Lieut.-Com. W. Novell
Orbridge	Nov. 5	Dabington	Brit. bk	531	Melchers & Co				Captain J. P. Cleveland
Oreion	Dec. 10	W. J. Little	Ger. bk	885	W. J. Little				Capt. W. M. Lang
Star Queen	Dec. 6	Brooks	Brit. bk	263	Jardine, Matheson & Co				Com. W. G. Suet
Stant	Nov. 23	Ascheberg	Nor. bk	851	Simsen & Co				Capt. S. George
Triton	Oct. 1	Kolsben	Ger. bk	595	Myer & Co				Captain E. H. Napier
Valparaiso	Feb. 31	Foley	U. S. bk	1240	Foley				In reserve
Walkure	Nov. 24	Weltors	Ger. bk	803	E. de Schellhaas & Co				Captain J. G. Mead
Woodrille	Nov. 23	L. Reed	Brit. bk	202	Arnhold, Karberg & Co				Lieut.-Com. W. Carey
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Ed. Greaves	Nov. 30	Fangnet	Frech. bk	350	Landsland & Co				Lieut.-Com. G. Grey
Hormine	Nov. 8	E. Meyer	Ger. bk	350	Vogel & Co				Com. Hon. I. N. S. Hood
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IN PORT ON 20TH NOVEMBER, 1890.					
Gobenia Largis Matchless Doward	Sept. 5 Sept. 3 Sept. 2	Trank Brown Darnes Doyen	Amer. sh Brit. bk Amer. sh Brit. sh.	1633 761 1198 909.	Browns & Co F. Hahnemann & Co C. Hill & Co M. Heiman & Co

YOKOHAMA.					
IN PORT ON 27TH NOVEMBER, 1890.					
Alexander Glimmer Carl Guy C. Goss F. P. Littlefield North Star	Nov. 3 Nov. 2 Nov. 23 Nov. 23 Nov. 12	Baylen Castro Thomson Reynold Spaulding Johnson	Amer. sh Brit. sh Grec. tg Amer. sh Amer. sh Ran. sh	52 1850 925 1672 1063 42	J. E. Fyler Ed. Collier & Co Chippie Captain Wells, Hall & Co H. W. Hohnhote & Co

NAME.	FLAG AND RTG.	GUNS.	TONS.	H.P.	COMMANDER.
An-jan	Viceroy's gunboat.	7	250	75.	
Cheong-ling	Revenue cruiser.	2	90	30.	
Chin-to	Viceroy's gunboat.	7	250	75.	J. Stewart
Chin-jui.	Revenue cruiser.	8	90	20.	Walker
Cheng-wan	Revenue cruiser.	2	30	20	Chang-wing-fai
Ching-on	Viceroy's gunboat.	4	198	60	F. Bassart
Ching-ting	Revenue cruiser.	4	600	120	C. H. Palmer
Peng-sha-hai	Viceroy's gunboat.	2	120	40	Chinese Admiral
Teling-po	Viceroy's gunboat.	3	160	40	Quing
Tehing-po	Revenue cruiser.	2	120	40	Chan-shi
Tai-hu-tung	Viceroy's gunboat.	4	120	40	Liu-ping-tse
Quang-on	Viceroy's gunboat.	5	180	60	J. H. Wade
Siam-shi	Revenue cruiser.	4	190	60	J. Calder
Sut-tung.	Revenue cruiser.	4	80	20	D. Read
Ti-sha	Viceroy's gunboat.	6	180	60	A. Garcon
Tai-po					

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